

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



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**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

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**Mass Times**

**Week Day**

Monday - NO Mass  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday  
5:30pm

**Weekend**

Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm  
Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday  
4pm - 4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

**ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday**

ACU Signadou Chapel

All Welcome

**If you are in Urgent need of a Priest  
out of office hours call - 6248 8253**

# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Do Not Be Afraid

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

**NOON TUESDAY**

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925

or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First reading - 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

A reading from the first book of Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 84(85):9-14

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Romans 9:1-5

A reading from St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when  
hymns are sung.**

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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## THERE CAME A MIGHTY WIND



## ASSUMPTION—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

15th August

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
School Mass - 10.00am  
Mass - 6.00pm (NO 5.30pm Mass)

## RECOGNISING GOD



Where is God? I was asked this question by a little boy a couple of week's ago. A difficult question to answer. Children of a certain age tend to be very concrete with their thinking, to suggest to the boy God is everywhere and that God is a spirit, immaterial, may not have cut the mustard with him.

And yet as we mature and deepen in our faith, God is seen everywhere: in the complexity of creation, in the smile of a child, in the wise face of a more senior person. It is, as it were, that God hides behind all these various facets of our human experience. What these experiences do is lead us to the transcendent, the great beyond.

Our readings this weekend focus us on recognising God. Elijah in our Old Testament reading has just escaped the revenge of Queen Jezebel for killing her prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. The prophet now is on the run, hiding from her troops who are pursuing him. In this moment of fear and anxiety Elijah experiences a variety of events which supposedly reflect the glory of God; a mighty wind blows past breaking rocks, a great earthquake manifests itself, followed by a devouring fire. Yet, in all these terrifying manifestations God is not present. It is only in the still breeze that Elijah realises God's presence. This narrative evokes for us a clue about our prayer life, that God is not met through great chatter and carry-on, but in silence.

Likewise follows the theme of recognition. In this instance Paul laments the future of Israel. His concern is that how could Israel, which had been prepared by God over many centuries to expect a Messiah, fail to recognise him in Christ. This rationale holds for us too, do we get bogged down in the complexities of our faith, and yet fail to recognise Christ?

Lastly, the gospel sees Peter attempt to walk on water at Jesus' behest. Peter fails because he still doesn't recognise Jesus' divine power. Peter wants to go it alone thinking he can make it but in reality he needs Jesus to achieve what is seemingly impossible. The gospel teaches us then that we can go it alone but at our own expense, rather we need to recognise that Christ is always there to guide us even when do not see it.

Fundamentally our recognition of God in our lives is an act of faith. It can be summed up in the words of a Carthusian monk who wrote:

"A soul who sees nothing but darkness but says to God: My God, I see nothing; but because you tell me that this darkness is your light, I believe it. Everything in me tells me the contrary, but I give up this 'me' and listen to you rather than to it. I choose you—not it: such a soul puts God in his true place—first."

To recognise God then in our lives is a practice in reducing our ego and let God take his rightful place in our lives. In this Eucharist let us pray to decrease and for God to increase.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.  
Fr Mannes OP

## PARISH HISTORY - CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



This year our parish is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we look forward to the next chapter of the story, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary presents an opportunity to reflect on the last 60 years. To see where the Holy Spirit has been present and is moving among our faith community.

As part of this, a parish history is being put together. You are invited to share your memories, thoughts and photos, which will be considered in the preparation of the document. Your contribution could be about a special event or celebration at Holy Rosary church that you attended. Or about a group that contributed to parish life, for example by singing in the choir, arranging flowers, assisting at Mass, taking Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass, transporting people to Mass, church cleaning, helping to welcome people into the Church, taking part in meditation, praying the Rosary, organising and serving at functions such as St Dominic's day, celebrating our multiculturalism, making craft items, serving on parish committees such as the Parish Pastoral Council etc. Or about experiences such as parish Melbourne Cup and Christmas celebrations, picnics with family groups, discussion groups such as Divine Renovation, taking part in Alpha and the Archdiocesan Walk in the Spirit, impacts of and dealing with the COVID pandemic. Or a humorous story or anecdote.



You can submit your memories, photos etc to the Parish Office by hand or email ([watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)). Closing date: 23 August 2023.

Any queries or comments to Roger Paul at [rpaul2572@gmail.com](mailto:rpaul2572@gmail.com) or on 0421 612 572.

## DOMINICAN FATHERS SICKNESS & RETIREMENT

The Dominican Fathers Sickness & Retirement Fund Appeal will be held on **19 & 20 August**. Envelopes will be provided for donations which should be placed in the 1st Collection boxes. **DO NOT POST.**

**If you prefer to donate electronically PLEASE use the Parish Banking details:-**

**Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson, BSB: 062 786 A/C : 000013341 - Reference: DF S and R**

If you are donating electronically and would like a receipt please make sure the Office has your details to send a receipt.

## GALONG RETREAT LIVING IN GOD'S DIVINE WILL

A retreat to explore the deeper mystical journey of the Soul's interior life. The retreat will be led by Frs Hugh Thomas & Emil Milat,

**Dates: 25-27 August 2023.** Pls book directly with St Clements retreat center at [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) or 63805222.

For more info, please contact Fr Emil at [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au)

## MADE FOR MORE THAN THIS

A Free online event will be held on **17 August at 7.30pm.**

Join Fr Chris Ryan MGL, and an exciting panel of guests for a wide ranging conversation about the powerful role lay people can play in the Church's Mission.



## GUINNESS AND GOD

16 August, 6.30pm-8.30pm, for 18-35yo, King O'Malley's Irish Pub. ACU Campus Dean, A/P Darius von Güttner speaking on how we can best make sense of suffering. G&G is a free pub talk series in collaboration with ACU and the Archdiocese, for young adults (students and young professionals) to open conversations about faith.

## GANG-GANG CATCH-UP TIME

Time to catch up again for morning tea from 10-30 am on the third Thursday of the month (17/8) at GangGang Cafe, Frencham Place Downer.

Newcomers to the parish always welcome.

## SAVE THE DATE

A free leaflet is available in the church foyer advertising a Catholic Women's Dinner on Friday 27 October at the Southern Cross club. Please take a copy and read more about the taskforce on the reverse of the leaflet, 'Working Differently'. Becoming a member or friend of the taskforce is welcomed. Three parishioners are already engaged in this service.

Brought to you by the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Women's Taskforce (ACGWT)

## OFFICE CLOSURE

Jacquie will be on leave from 8th August - 16th October the office will only be open on the following days:

- Mondays from 10am - 12.30pm
- Fridays from 9.00am - 12.30pm

Please email the office or text Fr Mannes 0414 396 532 for any inquiries.

## DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

**Parish details** to contribute to the Planned Giving.  
Bank details – Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson  
BSB: 062786 - A/C : 000013341 - Reference: Name

**Priests details** to contribute to the First Collection.  
Details – Account Name: Dominican Fathers Watson  
BSB: 083 347 Account number: 97 310 5044  
Reference: Your Name - Donation

## PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

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Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Brian & Suzanne Brown

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Marie Rheinberger, Katie Tuite, Gil Rodriguez, Robert Hackett, Fred Rumble

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Atilio Grzic

**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 10.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.

**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE** The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at [emilykathrynhall@gmail.com](mailto:emilykathrynhall@gmail.com) for further information.

## ROSTER

**Saturday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - M Tran / D Gauci  
Reader - E Smith / J Smith  
Computer—Volunteer pls

**Sunday 10.00am** - Acolyte - Hugh Bilton  
Reader - M Fitzgerald / K McCluskey  
Computer - Volunteer pls

**Sunday 5.00pm** - Acolyte - P Tran  
Reader - J Schwinghamer / B Joseph  
Computer - Volunteer pls

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